

*sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-17

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

*Commissioning*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN 341

Assurance

*Blessed Assurance* (stanzas 1 & 2)

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND  
INSTALLATION (insert)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*  
p.14 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

C. V. Stanford

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

\* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We acknowledge our baptism, O God, and the call to become members of Christ's body. Accept our gifts, that others may be led into your way. Help us so to arrange our priorities that we may seek first your will for us and prepare ourselves to follow where Christ may lead us. May the offering we bring be a sign and symbol of our commitment to answer his call to "Come, follow me."**

**SEALING OF THE WORD**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
**They will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**  
This is the Lord's table. Our savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.*

ANTHEM

*At the River*

Aaron Copland

Laurie Bunn, solo

Alan Bunn, piano

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.  
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease.  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes  
we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather  
with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE  
WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* HYMN 426

CANONBURY

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (stanza 5)  
**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where; until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Chaconne in Ancient Style*

Robert J. Powell

**WORSHIP NOTES**

- \* The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay, Parish Associate, and Carrie Bowers, Student Pastor, are assisting with worship today.
- \* Please stand if you are able.
- \* Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

† Vivian Bouchillon, Baxter Bouchillon's grandmother—Newton Medical

† Linda Wade, lung cancer-friend of Penny Blakeney.

† William Lawson, cancer surgery, uncle of Terri Digby

† Roger Tingler-neck surgery, home

† Cal McCloskey, grandson of Pat and Hilda Patrick-home

† Carlene Overstreet, surgery—friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem

† Roger Wallace—home

† Guy McGiboney-home

† Rita Harrell—home

† Eric Malcolm - friend of Martha Fernicola; brain tumor

† Lori Pullan, Doug Arnold's sister - brain tumor, chemotherapy

† George Stamps-home

† Charles Ardis—home

† Chris Booth, grandmother of Ethan Booth—Sacred Journey Hospice

† Doug Bolton—Piedmont Hospital

† Vanessa Gayle Elder, daughter of Patrick and Janet Carmichael, home

† Leslie Henderson, Eric Henderson's mother-cancer

† Yvonne Shepherd, sister of Patrick Carmichael-major surgery

† Jan Coulon-home

† Richard Londry, cousin of Susan Crowell-cancer

† Kurt Hester-home

† Dennis Sauls, brother-in-law of Patti Lanford-cancer

† Jeannie Liem-home, dialysis

† Frances Crozier, Billy Wade's sister—chemotherapy

† Courtney LeCroix Hoover- waiting for double lung transplant, Florida

**Covington Square**

† Rita Harrell

† Joy Knight

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

† John Cannon-Riverside

† Sarah Chesnut - Covington Manor

† Hal & Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers

† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center

† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

† Helen and George Stamps—Benton House

**Military:**

† David and Savannah Rickert

† Mike Laib

† John Rossi

† Renee Boston

† Charles Bailey

*We congratulate Murray and Hazel McClure who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on January 11.*

*The hospital team member who will be visiting people this week is Jon Williams.*



**Installation and Ordination  
of Elders**

Newly elected elders: Sherri Bolton, Patrick Carmichael, Judy Davis, Denny Dobbs, Aubrey Evans, and Dave Gregory will be ordained and installed to the Session.

**Our Thanks to the Session Class of 2010** for their work and dedication during their term on the Session. They are: Stephanie Fortson, Warren Liem, Ruth McDaniel, Jonathan Miller, Pam Stillerman, and Gene Wallace.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, January 9**  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion and Installation and Ordination of New Elders  
 5:30 Youth Connection and Parents' meeting

**Tuesday, January 11**  
 4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, January 12**  
 4:00 Adventure Club  
 6:00 Mid-Week Feast  
 6:30 Handbell Choir

6:45 Study Group  
 7:15 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, January 13**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir  
 11:30 Prayer Group

**Saturday, January 15**  
 8:00 Men's Bible study and breakfast at the Towne House Café

**Sunday, January 16**  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 3:00 King Day Celebration at Porter Auditorium

### *Activities in the Life of the Church*

**A service of Ordination and Installation** will take place during the worship service today.

**Session meeting** today, after the worship service.

**An Exercise Class** is held on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. All adults are invited to participate.

**Mid-Week Feast** Join us for the Mid-Week Feast at 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The menu is: hot dogs, chili dogs, slaw dogs and the "fixin's." Bring a dessert to share and join us for dinner and fellowship. Remember—make your reservation on the form in the pew rack. You may also call the church office or register from the website.

**DVD Lecture Series** The Mid-Week DVD Lecture Series, "Hinduism," takes place at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings after the Mid-Week Feast. Participants enjoy the lectures and the lively discussions afterward. This week's lecture is: "Caste."

**The annual community King Day Celebration** will be held next Sunday, January 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Porter Auditorium, Newton High School. The Rev. Sharma D. Lewis, District Superintendent of the Atlanta, Decatur, Oxford District of the United Methodist Church will be speaking. Our choir will be joining in the singing and our young people will be ushers for the event. Come join the community in this important event.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the morning worship service next Sunday, January 16, for the purpose of hearing the budget and acting on changes in the call to the minister.

### WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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**Massed Choir Rehearsal:** The entire congregation is invited to be a part of a massed choir on Sunday, January 30, to help in celebrating Billy Wade's 25 years here at First Presbyterian Church. We'll be learning a special anthem to sing at this service. Choir practice is this Wednesday night, January 12 at 7 p.m. in the choir room. Come be a part of the choir to help show our appreciation for Pastor Wade's years of service to our church! Contact Alan Bunn or Alice Walker if you have questions.

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:**

Hawley Family  
 Bates Family  
**Next week:**  
 Laib Family  
 Loebke Family

**Hosts:**

Jerry Gunter

**Ushers:**

Denny & Cathy Dobbs, Chair  
 Tootles and Roger Tingler

**Sound System:**

Ken Walker

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

**Class of 2011**

Jean Blair  
 Carol Dunbar  
 Rick Gunter  
 Jay Lanners  
 Donna Weesner

**Class of 2012**

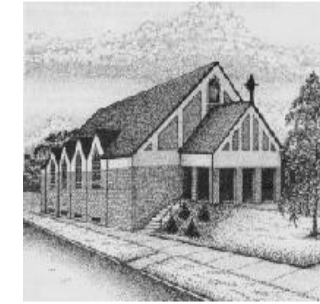
Bernice Bailey  
 Rebecca Bates  
 Sherri Bolton  
 Mac Cranford  
 Judy Hooten

**Class of 2013**

Patrick Carmichael  
 Judy Davis  
 Denny Dobbs  
 Aubrey Evans  
 Dave Gregory

### CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Carrie Bowers <i>Student Intern</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Alan Bunn <i>Choir Director</i> Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Senior Choir</i> Aubrey Elliott & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> Deana Graham <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covington, Georgia

January 9, 2011  
 Baptism of the Lord

### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* J.S. Bach  
*All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INTROIT *I Come With Joy* Dove of Peace  
 Sanctuary Choir and Handbells

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 29

Listen: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

**The God of glory thunders upon many waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl and strips the forests bare.

**In God's temple all cry: Glory!**

\* HYMN 446 AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**Lord God, we confess that we often have failed in our attempts to be your church. We have not told of your strength, of your love, of your grace, and of your mercy. We have hidden from those most in need of your Good News. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us the courage to face our deepest fears knowing that you go before us, beside us, and behind us. We ask this prayer in the name of the One who has come among us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

HYMN 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (stanza 1)*

**Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious**